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Reak facred Morn on our expecting I'le, And make our Albion's fullen Genius smile; His brightest Glories let the Sun display, He rose not with a more auspicious Ray, Since God-like JAMES receiv'd * Imperial State, nation, April 23,16851 Our only recompence for CHARLES his Fate. A 2

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A joyful Bridegroom then, our Eyes he drew, And now seems wedded to his Realms anew: Since when our panick Fears are quite o're-blown, And on our Enemies Coast the Terror thrown.

Ye ancient Bards that Britain's Glory wrought As warmly as our British Heroes fought, Be still affisting to your Country's Fame, And in my daring Song revive your Flame.

Behold, behold, the bright Assembly plac'd,
And with our Monarch's Sacred Presence grac'd:
Transported with a Vision so sublime,
Our thoughts review the Infant-Pride of time,
We think how at the New Creation sate
Th' Eternal Monarch in his Heavens fresh State;
The Stars yet wondring at each others Fires,
And all the Sons of Glory rank'd in Quires.

As various Streams from distant Regions full,
And in the Deep their gen'ral Counsel cull,
Conveying thence supplies to ev'ry source,
And fail not to maintain the rowling Course,

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Our Senate thus from ev'ry Quarter met, And with our Peers in awful Council set, Dispense their Influence to each Province round, And in our I'le no barren spot is found. Justice as freely as our Thames shall flow, In Peace the Sailer steer, and Peasant plow, Our Publick safe from foreign Wrongs shall be, And private Rights from Home-oppressors free.

Proceed brave Worthies then to your Debates, And by your Counsels to direct our Fates.

Thus, 7AMES the pious, valiant, wise and justs Performs not only yours, but Europe's Trust; Whose Power or Prudence makes their Discords cease, Where he perswades not, he commands a Peace. So (if small things with great may be compard) We oft have feen two Monarchs of the Herd, Upon some long-disputed Plain engage With equal Vigour, and with equal Rage; Their goring Horns are in the Contest worn, The harrass'd Earth is in the Combat torn; But if a Lion from the Hill descends, Their Fury ceases, and the Battel ends.

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From conquer'd Fields, and steal their Trophies horien
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Nor with too near a Volley routeout flore ving bank
The Terror still of our Third Edward's Name
Rebakes the in Bride, and checks their towing Fame:
Nor can the Tide of many rowling Wears moy you balk
VVash the stain'd Fields of Cressey and Poictiers.
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VVhen they behold that famous fatal Hill, on amore!
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Andread an instantial tears arometen With due respect, the Loyal Muses pleading slinly Since from your genrous Trust oun Peace did foring Joyn'd with the matchless Conduct of our King. Secure the Bleffing you so well begun, And take for Pattern what your felves have done. So Albion to her ancient Fame shall grow, By Heaven's Decrees above, and yours below. Nor shall your Influence in our lesser world Lie pent, but through the Universe behurlid: Thence Christian Leagues shall firmly be combined. While Turks and Rebels equal Fate shall find. Thus Earth and Seas with lafety shall be bleft. And Peace as Calmas thele great Mafters Breast. Heaven to our le this Privledge does allow. Besides her self to have no powrful Foe. By Rocks and Seas fenc'd round from foreign Harms, And only liable to in-bred Arms. Such shocks (alas!) too oft we have endur'd, But evn from home-bred Rage are now securd: No Storm can rife while Cafar guides the Helm. While you support the Throne, and He the Realm. Our Faith and Freedom trusted in his Hand, Immoveable as Fate's Decrees must stand. Ufur-

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Usurpers from their Promise may retreat, And Common-wealths their publick Trust deseat, While each his private Interest does pursue, But Heaven's and Britain's Monarch must be true.

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